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SUBJ: VISIT OF NABISCO/RIVANA OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 87116

1. ATTORNEY BRIAN FIX TELEPHONED E/C COUNSELOR APRIL 16 RE: TRIP. FIX SAID HE HEARD PROPOSED VISIT OVERLAPPED THAT OF THE SECRETARY. COUNSELOR CONFIRMED THIS, AND SAID HAD DELAYED RESPONDING TO REFTEL UNTIL TRIP ANNOUNCED. IN VIEW BOTH OF EMBASSY'S AND GOG'S INVOLVEMENT WITH SECRETARY'S VISIT, HE URGED FIX TO POSTPONE NABISCO/RIBANA TRIP TO GHANA. FIX DECLINED TO DO SO, HOWEVER, STATING THAT SCHEDULE FIRMLY LOCKED IN.

2. FIX ALSO INSISTED GROUP WANTED TO SEE COMMISSIONERS OUTLINED REFTEL, THOUGH IT POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT MEETINGS WITH CABINET"LEVEL OFFICIALS NEVER EASY TO OBTAIN. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE MAKE HIS OWN REQUESTS TO COMMISSIONERS CONCERNED, AND THAT HE STILL MIGHT CATCH GARDINER IN PHILADELPHIA.

3. IN THE EVENT, EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT REQUESTS TO COMMISSIONERS ON BEHALF OF COMPANY, NOT RPT NOT EMBASSY, AND SUGGEST THAT "COMMISSIONER OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL" SEE NABISCO/RIVANA GROUP. LETTER WILL, OF COURSE, GIVEN USUAL REQUIRED DISCLAIMER.

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4. FIX AND COMPANY SHOULD BE AWARE EMBOFFS WILL BE FULLY

OCCUPIED WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT.
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